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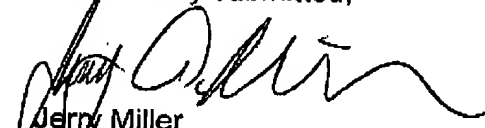
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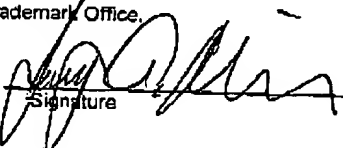
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Election Requirement mailed on June 7, 2004.

The undersigned has reviewed this election requirement and notes that the species outlined in the requirement (one species designated with each figure) do not accurately characterize six species as called out in the election requirement. It is noted that the various figures represent various aspects of methods and systems consistent with embodiments of the present invention, but the individual figures do not necessarily best characterize any particular species. In view of this, the under signed contacted Examiner An by telephone. The undersigned appreciates Examiner An's assistance in finding S/N 09/916,490.

a resolution to this concern. During this conversation, Examiner An suggested that the undersigned should modify the species determination by following the general content of the independent claims rather than using the figures to define the species. Accordingly, Applicant proposes the following claim groups for consideration:

GROUP	GENERAL DESCRIPTION	CLAIMS
I	Methods for computing drift reduction/reference block or frame	1-3, 4-9
II	Drift reduction / compensation methods and storage medium	10-15, 17-22, 32
III	MPEG Transcoder	15, 23-28, 29-31

It is noted, that computation of a drift reduction frame or block (or drift reference frame or block) according to Group I is used in many of the claims of Groups II and III. Accordingly, it is submitted that all of the claims constitute one invention that should be examined as such. Moreover, It is submitted that the claims of Group I are sub-combination claims that are generic to a large portion of the remaining claims of this application and restriction to a species is inappropriate. Accordingly, the election requirement is hereby traversed. Reconsideration of the election requirement and examination of all claims is respectfully requested.

In order to satisfy the requirements of the election requirement, however, and in accordance with the telephone discussion with Examiner An, Applicants hereby elect GROUP 1 consisting of claims 1-3 and 4-9 with traverse. Full examination of all claims is respectfully requested.

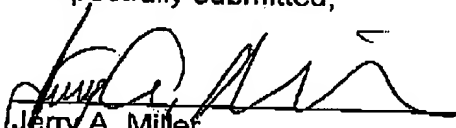
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The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 919-816-9981 if any issues remain to be resolved with regard to this election requirement. Moreover, the undersigned respectfully invites the Examiner to contact him by telephone if there is any way he can assist the examiner in understanding the invention or resolving any issues surrounding the examination of this application.

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